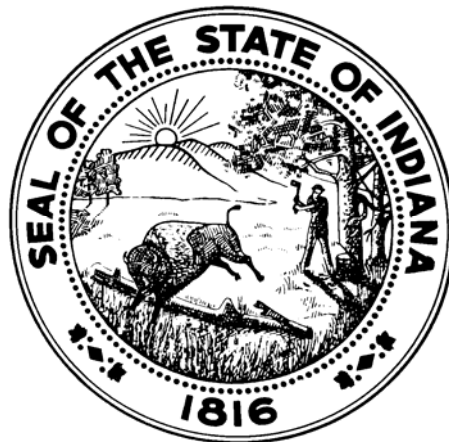


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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
WHITELAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
JOHNSON COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2005



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Fiscal Officer	Sam Williams	01-01-99 to 09-30-05
	Ranny Lewis	10-01-05 to 12-31-06
	Donald Sanders	01-01-07 to 12-31-07
Recording Secretary	Carol Roberts	01-01-99 to 12-31-00
	Pamela Sanders	01-01-01 to 12-31-07
President of the Board	Donald Sanders	01-01-99 to 12-31-01
	Don DeVore	01-01-02 to 12-31-06
	Ranny Lewis	01-01-07 to 12-31-07



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE WHITELAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, JOHNSON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the financial information presented herein of the Whiteland Fire Protection District (District), for the period of January 1, 1999 to December 31, 2005. The District's management is responsible for the financial information presented herein. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the financial information presented herein and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial information referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial information of the District for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

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December 18, 2006

WHITELAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
 SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
 GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE
 As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, And 2005

	Cash and Investments 01-01-99	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-99
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 40,929</u>	<u>\$ 224,271</u>	<u>\$ 219,594</u>	<u>\$ 45,606</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-00	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-00
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 45,606</u>	<u>\$ 221,079</u>	<u>\$ 160,589</u>	<u>\$ 106,096</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-01	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-01
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 106,096</u>	<u>\$ 318,921</u>	<u>\$ 243,791</u>	<u>\$ 181,226</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-02	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-02
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 181,226</u>	<u>\$ 335,629</u>	<u>\$ 257,973</u>	<u>\$ 258,882</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-03	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-03
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 258,882</u>	<u>\$ 285,413</u>	<u>\$ 263,979</u>	<u>\$ 280,316</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-04	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-04
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 280,316</u>	<u>\$ 193,754</u>	<u>\$ 303,618</u>	<u>\$ 170,452</u>
	Cash and Investments 01-01-05	Receipts	Disbursements	Cash and Investments 12-31-05
Governmental Fund: General	<u>\$ 170,452</u>	<u>\$ 289,467</u>	<u>\$ 295,493</u>	<u>\$ 164,426</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial information.

WHITELAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, JOHNSON COUNTY
NOTES TO FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Note 1. Introduction

The District was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The District provides the following services: fire protection and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The District uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the District in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively. All property taxes collected by the County Treasurer and available for distribution were distributed to the District on or prior to December 31 of the year collected; however, the December 2004 distribution of \$100,015 was not recorded in the ledger until 2005 and the 2005 distribution of \$107,338 was not recorded in the ledger until January 6, 2006.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund, except for a \$2,027 investment in GMAC Demand Notes. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the District to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

Note 6. Long-Term Debt

The District has entered into debt in the form of a capital lease to construct a fire station. The outstanding principal at December 31, 2005, was \$855,000.

WHITELAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS

CAPITAL ASSETS

Information presented for examination did not indicate an inventory or record of capital assets using Form 369 or an approved alternative.

Every governmental unit should have a complete inventory of all capital assets owned which reflect their acquisition value. Such inventory should be recorded on the applicable Capital Asset Ledger. A complete inventory should be taken at least every two years for good internal control and for verifying account balances carried in the accounting records. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

OFFICIAL BOND

As stated in Audit Reports B04795 and B11823, official bonds for the Fiscal Officer were not filed in the Office of the County Recorder.

Indiana Code 5-4-1-5.1(b) states in part: "Every elected or appointed officer, official, deputy, or employee of a political subdivision . . . shall file the bond in the office of the county recorder. . . ."

FIRE DEBT FUND TRANSACTION RECORDING

The property tax, license excise and commercial vehicle excise tax distributions for the Fire Debt Fund were not properly recorded in the ledger. A separate fund was not established to record the cash, appropriations, and the semiannual fire debt service payments. The receipts and disbursements were separately computed beginning January 1, 1999, when the Fire Debt Fund began receiving distributions through December 31, 2005. As of December 31, 2005, computed debt service payments made for this period exceeded distributions by \$74,689.56. The current bookkeeper was instructed how to properly record the transactions. Also, a transfer from the General to Fire Debt Fund of \$74,689.56 is required to correct the general fund balance in the ledger as of December 31, 2005.

Officials and employees are required to use State Board of Accounts prescribed or approved forms in the manner prescribed. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10).

The balance of any fund may not be reduced below zero. Routinely overdrawn funds could be an indicator of serious financial problems which should be investigated by the governmental unit. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 10)

WHITELAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EXAMINATION RESULTS AND COMMENTS
(Continued)

PREScribed FORMS

The following prescribed or approved form was not in use: Register of Investments, General Form 350.

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INVESTMENTS NOT AUTHORIZED BY STATUTE

The District invested in GMAC Demand Notes during the examination period. This investment was closed on January 19, 2006.

Investments should only be made in accordance with statute. Expenses related to any unauthorized investments may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee.

Losses related to investments and investment procedures which are not authorized by statute may be the personal obligation of the responsible official or employee. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Special Districts, Chapter 15)

WHITELAND FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on February 27, 2007, with Pamela Sanders, Recording Secretary; and Ranny Lewis, President of the Board. The officials concurred with our findings.